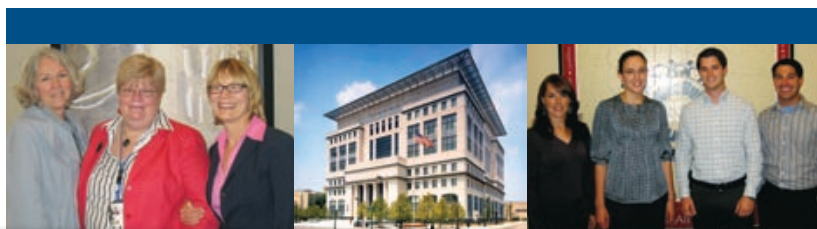


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Investing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding to Improve Our Federal Inventory

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 is a historic opportunity for the General Services Administration (GSA) to reinvest in our public buildings, encourage long-term growth in energy-efficient technologies, alternative energy and green solutions, and stimulate job creation.

On March 31, 2009, GSA submitted a \$5.5 billion spending proposal to Congress highlighting the public building projects we will accomplish with ARRA funds. GSA identified approximately 250 projects touching all 50 states, the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories. You can visit www.recovery.gov to read our complete list of projects.



U.S. Custom House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nationally, GSA has obligated over \$97 million of the \$5.5 billion within the first 100 days of ARRA. The Mid-Atlantic Region received nearly \$164 million of those funds and in the first 100 days has obligated over \$2.5 million in support of this work.

On April 1, 2009, GSA awarded a construction management contract in support of the construction of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) National Computer Center Replacement Project in Woodlawn, MD.

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From the Desk of Dale Anderson

Our federal community is brimming with amazing challenges and opportunities. The actions and decisions we make today will

shape our tomorrow. The General Services Administration (GSA) owns and leases over 354 million square feet of space in 8,600 buildings in more than 2,200 communities nationwide. In Mid-Atlantic Public Buildings Service (PBS), thriving and succeeding is about balance—striking the right balance in our business and operational decisions, with the critical missions of our clients at heart.


This edition of *Focus* covers the new and innovative. We recently partnered with industry leaders to dive deeper into the benefits of Building Information Modeling. Within the first 100 days of the Recovery Act we've already moved closer toward implementing new efficient technologies, alternative energy and green solutions in our regional inventory. And, we're mindful to balance this innovation with the knowledge that, with more than one fourth of GSA's 1,600 owned buildings listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, we are also the caretakers of national treasures that symbolize the permanence and dignity of federal government. You'll read about the history of the William J. Nealon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Scranton, PA, and its inclusion in GSA's Historic Buildings Poster Series, designed to celebrate historic architecture, engineering and art.

You'll read about members of the GSA team who have recently taken on new leadership positions within our organization. These professionals are focusing on delivering a more consistent approach in how we implement policy and deliver workplace solutions to our clients. As we develop and grow our leadership team, we are mindful to balance that with the importance of developing our leaders of tomorrow. In this edition, you'll read about how GSA and our clients are teaming up to present learning experiences for our newest hires. We are working together as federal partners to ensure these new federal employees acquire a thorough understanding of our clients' missions and business drivers so they can best serve them throughout their careers.

The variety of perspectives gained through federal, community, and industry partnerships helps to achieve balance in our thought processes and decision making. We'll continue to work closely with you as we jointly make decisions and investments that help shape a prosperous future for the American citizens we serve. 

Dale Anderson
Acting Regional Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
Mid-Atlantic Region


Mid-Atlantic *Focus* Newsletter Receives 2009 Communicator Award

The Mid-Atlantic Region Public Buildings Service (PBS), Office of Client Solutions has been honored with an Award of Distinction in the 15th Annual Communicator Awards for its quarterly newsletter *Focus*, produced for 1,400 clients. The Communicator Awards honor the best creative work among communications professionals, and are sanctioned and judged by the International Academy of the Visual Arts, an organization of top-tier media, communications, advertising, and marketing professionals. The 2009 Awards received over 7,000 entries, making it the largest and most prestigious award of its kind. 



Thank You for Your Feedback

The General Services Administration (GSA) would like to thank those of you who took time out of your busy schedules to respond to our 2009 Public Buildings Service Tenant Satisfaction Survey.

GSA is committed to providing federal agencies with the best service possible. The feedback received through this survey will help us improve future service to our federal clients. 

Investing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Funding to Improve Our Federal Inventory



*Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr.,
U.S. Courthouse in Richmond, Virginia*

The project will provide SSA with a 300,000 square foot facility housing computer operations essential to prompt and accurate payment of benefits to Americans.

On April 17, 2009, GSA awarded a study/design contract to begin ARRA work at the Richard H. Poff Federal Building in Roanoke, VA. The facility will receive a new high performance HVAC system; new window curtain wall; public restrooms renovations to include water conservation fixtures; energy efficient lighting upgrades; and a sustainable roofing system, including the installation of solar panels.

GSA awarded a Retro-Commissioning Study on April 30, 2009, for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Building Project in Martinsburg, WV. This project includes installation of new high-efficiency chillers and the installation of solar panels. This Retro-Commissioning study will identify additional opportunities to reduce operation and maintenance costs, and improve building system control and occupant comfort.

The U.S. Custom House in Philadelphia, PA, will receive a roof replacement, window repair/replacement, masonry restoration, energy efficient tower lighting replacement, and a new high-efficiency boiler. GSA awarded the design contract on April 23, 2009, and construction management contract on May 4, 2009.


On May 1, 2009, GSA awarded a contract to perform a study of the Huntington Federal Building in Huntington, WV. The proposed project for this facility will reduce energy consumption through installation of a new high performance HVAC system, window replacement, and the installation of solar panels.

GSA is always looking for ways to improve operations in even the newest additions to our inventory. On May 12, 2009, GSA awarded a structural analysis contract to determine the best method to install a large solar panel system to reduce fossil fuel energy consumption and reduce carbon dioxide emissions at the Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., U.S. Courthouse in Richmond, VA.



The Robert C. Byrd Federal Building and Courthouse in Charleston, WV, will receive a solar panel system. Also included in the project are energy efficient lighting fixture replacements in the parking garage and improvements to the HVAC systems building controls. GSA awarded an architectural/engineering design contract for this project on June 1, 2009.

In addition to these awards, GSA project teams are assembled and preparing for contract awards on a number of additional projects throughout the Region. GSA selected projects for ARRA funding based on the speed at which jobs can be created and how much energy efficiency can be gained. GSA will award all contracts for ARRA projects within the next two years.

GSA is dedicated to achieving the goals of ARRA while maintaining our commitment to provide superior workplaces to you, our federal client agencies. 



*Robert C. Byrd Federal Building and Courthouse in
Charleston, West Virginia*

Tom Lyman Named GSA Director of Professional Services in Mid-Atlantic Region

Tom Lyman was recently promoted to the position of Director of Professional Services, Design and Construction Division. "The Design and Construction Division will be able to positively impact our Region's ability to deliver superior workplaces at best value to the tax payer as we support our project managers and field office managers in delivering small and large space solutions for our customers," said Lyman on his goal for the Division.

Lyman began his General Services Administration (GSA) career in 1989 shortly after he graduated Drexel University with a degree in mechanical engineering. Tom has worked to acquire an expansive knowledge of the Public Buildings Service (PBS) business. Tom quickly transitioned from serving as the engineer on project teams to the role of Project Manager and earned a Project Management Certification from the Project Management Institute in 1999. Lyman's experience grew through positions in project management, portfolio management, and regional office management. Most recently, he served in the Philatantic Service Center as the architectural, engineering and space planning group manager where he worked with a team to develop consistent processes to help deliver projects more efficiently for our clients.

During his career, Tom received the Regional Administrator's Award in 2002 for Nurturing and Encouraging Leader as well as volunteered on GSA's National Implementation of Pricing Policy for Project Management.

Tom hopes that "Our customers will see a more consistent approach to how we implement process/policy impacting our design and construction programs and we will be better positioned to understand and deliver our customers' special and technical requirements. I feel that as a Division we will be better able to share best practices and lessons learned on each project type and we will be better able to leverage subject matter experts."

"My number one goal is to ensure that we have sufficient, knowledgeable, and experienced architectural, engineering, space planning, and interior design resources readily available to support the various design and construction programs our Region delivers for our clients on a day to day basis," says Tom. "These resources will be provided through a combination of in-house and contracted staff. My expectation is that whether it is a GSA-employed team member or a contracted team member, that our clients will experience the same high quality service that they expect and deserve." ◆



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— *Tom Lyman*
Director of Professional Services,
Design and Construction Division

Newest PBS Team Members Learn About Our Clients' Missions

Mid-Atlantic Region Public Buildings Service (PBS) knows that a thorough understanding of our clients' missions, organizations, and business drivers is critical in delivering workplace solutions that best meet our clients' needs. That's why our Regional Account Managers (RAMs) conduct training sessions for new PBS professionals in order to develop their understanding of clients.



(from left) Marilyn Asam, SSA; Peggy Wilson, SSA; Pat Zucca, GSA Regional Account Manager

Our RAMs develop these training sessions in partnership with their client agencies. Whenever possible, General Services Administration (GSA) invites client representatives to take part in creating and conducting the training session.

GSA Regional Account Management Lead Pat Zucca and Social Security Administration (SSA) representatives Peggy Wilson and Marilyn Asam teamed up to develop training specific to GSA and SSA interactions. Pat proctored the GSA portion of the training, while Peggy and Marilyn explained in greater detail the mission of SSA and how their agency operates. Following the "classroom" session, the newest members of the PBS team were given a building tour of an SSA Customer Service Office in Philadelphia, PA, to gain a better understanding of how SSA office space is designed to support their mission.

Another information session was delivered by Shannon Keeley, RAM, on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In this session, Shannon explained the history and mission of IRS, organizational overview, business drivers, and how to support the IRS mission.

Pedro Viera, RAM for the Judiciary Department, and Kathy Peek, Deputy Circuit Executive, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, gave a detailed explanation of the federal court systems and a first hand look at a courtroom inside the James A. Byrne Federal Courthouse in Philadelphia, PA.

"I was happy to have been contacted by Pedro and gladly organized and participated in the training and tours," Kathy said. "It provided me with a great opportunity to meet GSA's new hires and to educate them on the Judiciary's unique space requirements. Only employees who understand our needs will be successful in meeting them. The training was as beneficial to my organization as it was to GSA."

Mark Dunaway of the U.S. Marshals Service, and GSA Property Manager Chais Melville took the intern class on a detailed tour of the interior structure of the Byrne Courthouse following the training session.

RAM Peggy Murr proctored a session on Law Enforcement Agencies. This session featured representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration and provided information on security clearances and unique requirements such as setbacks, sallyports and holding rooms, which will assist those new to the GSA team in understanding and acquiring space for law enforcement agencies.

Paul Slifer, Property Manager for the J. Caleb Boggs U.S. Courthouse in Wilmington, DE, commended the presenters by stating, "These training sessions provided me with an enhanced understanding of each individual agency and how we, at GSA, can help support their mission and goals effectively."

Mid-Atlantic PBS Regional Account Managers, client agency representatives, and PBS employees all share high praise for these briefing sessions. We will continue to partner with our client agencies to ensure that GSA employees have a working understanding of our clients' unique needs. [▶](#)



(from left) Kim Hart, GSA Business Development Specialist; Mark Merlini, Developer, Brickstone Company; Valerie McDonald, Chief of Facilities DEA; Richard Ford, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, DEA; Raymond Franklin, Special Agent DEA; Peggy Murr, GSA Regional Account Manager

Ask a RAM

QUESTION:

How is submitting Reimbursable Work Authorizations (RWAs) using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money different from non-Recovery Act RWA submission?

ANSWER:

In addition to the typical end of fiscal year Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) submissions we are used to, we all have a new RWA consideration to keep in mind—RWAs for American Reinvestment and Recovery Act money.

A formal receipt and acceptance process for RWAs has been in place for traditional RWAs; however, with the additional requirements for Recovery Act RWAs, there is a need to modify these procedures. The acceptance process will be essentially the same as it would be for normal RWA funding with the exception that PBS must adhere to the criteria for issuing the contract award and for execution of the work as required by the Recovery Act.

Additions to the traditional receipt and acceptance process include: a determination that the funding is for Recovery Act purposes; the assignment of special RWA numbers to be used for reporting purposes; a determination that PBS has the resources to perform the work as required by the Recovery Act; and review and acceptance of the Recovery Act RWA by a Regional Recovery Executive.

Just as for any RWA, requests must be submitted on GSA form 2957 with all supporting documentation. You should submit your Recovery Act RWAs as soon as possible, but no later than March 31 of the year in which the funding availability expires. This gives adequate time to review all supporting documentation for acceptance consideration prior to the original expiration date of agency funding. (Submitting an RWA request by the date set above does not guarantee RWA acceptance by GSA.)

You must check Box 13C on the GSA Form 2957 indicating that this is a Recovery Act RWA. In accordance with the requirements of GSA Form 2957, the tenant agency will provide GSA with any


unique fund expiration, obligation or other requirements pertaining to offered funding.

GSA will provide a letter of receipt and an RWA number with a prefix used solely for Recovery Act RWAs. GSA is required to report at the Recovery.Gov website our contract awards with PBS Recovery Act funds as well as contracts for RWAs on behalf of our customers. Designating Recovery Act RWAs with distinctive numbers will aid in the reporting process.

As usual for any RWA, once the tenant agency and GSA have reached agreement on the requirements and estimated cost, the tenant agency will sign the GSA Form 2957.

If GSA determines that acceptance of the RWA is appropriate, the GSA Regional Recovery Executive will sign the GSA Form 2957 and a project team will be assigned to perform the work. GSA will send to your agency a Letter of Acceptance with a copy of the signed RWA upon acceptance. At this point the tenant agency funds are considered obligated.

As always, you can visit www.gsa.gov/rwachange to find GSA Form 2957 as well as other helpful RWA information. This webpage also includes a detailed description of Recovery Act RWA acceptance procedures, "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act RWA Receipt and Acceptance Procedures, For Tenant Agencies" and "RWA File Checklist, For Tenant Agencies" in the RWA Customer Tools section of the page.

Please contact **Sean McWilliams**, Mid-Atlantic Regional RWA Policy Subject Matter Expert, at **(215) 446-2848** or sean.mcwilliams@gsa.gov for more information regarding the GSA RWA process, or feel free to contact your PBS Regional Account Manager. 

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Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Scranton Featured in Award Winning Poster Series

More than a quarter of the General Services Administration's (GSA's) owned buildings are listed on or are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. GSA is responsible for the stewardship of over 200 properties listed on the Register. We take great pride in this inventory, valued for its architecture, art, engineering, and significance in American history. GSA has highlighted more than 100 of its most significant historic buildings in our Historic Buildings Poster Series. Joining the poster series this year is the William J. Nealon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Scranton, PA.


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The four-story, art deco-influenced neoclassical building houses the U.S. Courts Middle District of Pennsylvania and a post office. The building was erected between 1930 and 1931 by architect James A. Wetmore. GSA purchased the building from the U.S. Postal Service in 1981. In 1999, a glass-and-steel atrium and annex were constructed. This addition was designed by the

architecture and planning firm, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson. The atrium contains a glass installation by artist Paul Housberg entitled *Lightfall*, sponsored by GSA's Art in Architecture Program which encourages the nation's talented artists to integrate new art into federal buildings.

You can read more about this national treasure, by visiting our website at www.gsa.gov/historicbuildings which features interactive exhibits on the history, geography, and architectural style of GSA public buildings. Here, visitors can browse through images,

films, and architectural descriptions of more than 200 of our historic buildings.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the William J. Nealon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse poster, please contact **Donna Andrews** at donna.andrews@gsa.gov or (215) 446-4570. 

*William J. Nealon Federal Building and
U.S. Courthouse in Scranton, PA*



Mid-Atlantic Region's New LEED Accredited Professionals


Several General Services Administration (GSA) Mid-Atlantic Region Public Buildings Service (PBS) employees have recently earned accreditation as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) Professionals, demonstrating a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles as well as the LEED Rating System. The Professional Accreditation, managed by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process.

Space Planners Amanda Strouse and Katrina Daniels each passed the LEED Commercial Interiors exam while Asset Manager Chris Mattingly, Space Planner Amy Krebs, and Project Engineers Joseph Parisi, Scott Gerner, and Andrew Woodring passed the LEED New Construction Certification exam. Each professional invested personal time and demonstrated the willingness to help their fellow team members, customers,

and projects become successful while maintaining green building practices and environmental sustainability.

Any project with a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) as a team member will earn a point toward LEED Certification for the project. Each LEED AP manages the LEED Certification process for their project, as they have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles as well as the LEED Rating System.

Additional PBS Mid-Atlantic Region employees are enrolled to take the exam in an effort to expand professional accreditation and implement extensive green building practices on future projects. Our new LEED APs look forward to applying their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the benefit of our federal clients.

Please visit www.gbci.org for more information on becoming a LEED AP. 

New Mid-Atlantic Region LEED® Accredited Professionals



(from left)
Amanda Strouse,
Katrina Daniels,
Scott Gerner,
and Joseph Parisi



(from left)
Amy Krebs,
Andrew Woodring,
and Chris Mattingly

Introducing Our New Delaware Valley Field Office Manager Steven Schwartz

Steven Schwartz was recently promoted to Field Office Manager for the Delaware Valley Field Office in Camden, New Jersey. Steve brings to his new position nearly twenty years of property management and customer service experience in GSA, both in the Mid-Atlantic and the Pacific Rim Regions.

Steve began his GSA career in 1990 as a Contract Specialist intern working for the Mid-Atlantic Region. After seven years, Steve took the opportunity to transfer to the Pacific Rim Region, continuing to serve as a Contract Specialist for the Phoenix, Arizona, Field Office.

It was during his time in the Southwest that Steve began his tenure in GSA Field Offices. Shortly after his transfer to the Phoenix Field Office, Steve transitioned to a Property Manager, where he began to acquire extensive experience in all of the field office program areas.

After several years of serving client agencies in the field, Steve was selected as the Deputy Senior Property Manager for the Nevada Field Office and served in that role for almost five years. In August 2005, Steve's hard work and focus on tenant satisfaction led him to his promotion to Field Office Manager.


Of his time in the Pacific Rim Region, Steve says, "Working for GSA in Arizona and Las Vegas brought about some very

interesting experiences. While working for the Phoenix Office, I managed several unique projects for the National Park Service at the Grand Canyon. As for Las Vegas, I can't really say...as the saying goes, 'what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas'."

Steve continued to work in the Nevada Field Office until 2008, when he chose to move back home to the Philadelphia area and the Mid-Atlantic Region. Steve served as the Operations Manager for the East Philadelphia Field Office until he was selected as the Delaware Valley Field Office Manager this spring.

Steve is now responsible for 30 employees in the Delaware Valley Field Office, managing over 6.2 million square feet of space. His team operates government-owned buildings and 142 leased facilities throughout Delaware, Central and South New Jersey, and the Philadelphia Metro Area.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new role. The people who work for the Delaware Valley Field Office are smart, dedicated, and very customer focused," Steve says. "They make coming to work enjoyable and rewarding."

Steve received his Associate's Degree in Engineering from Burlington County College in 1984. He continued his education at Rutgers University, graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. 

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new role. The people who work for the Delaware Valley Field Office are smart, dedicated, and very customer focused."

— *Steve Schwartz*
Delaware Valley Field Office Manager



PBS Mid-Atlantic Hosts 5th National BIM Conference

Mid-Atlantic Region's Public Buildings Service (PBS) hosted the 5th General Services Administration (GSA) National Building Information Model (BIM) Conference in Philadelphia, PA, May 18-21, 2009. 120 GSA employees and industry professionals attended the conference, with the focus of overcoming the industry barriers of BIM adoption by bringing together regional building owner representatives, architectural/engineering firms, construction management firms, general contractors, academic program leaders, and legal firms.

"We were extremely impressed with not only the depth of the presentations GSA selected for this conference, but even more with the probative and insightful questions that followed."

— *John Tocci*
Tocci Building Company

BIM is a process involving a building development software tool which produces multi-dimensional building models demonstrating geometry, spatial relationships, geographic information, and properties of building components. By generating building data in a visual way, BIM can be used to assist with design, construction, and life cycle operational management tasks, as well as serve as a communications tool. BIM involves much more than upgrading from an AutoCAD platform to a state-of-the-art software program – it requires changing the definition of traditional architectural phases and encouraging the industry to adopt a huge culture shift where sharing much more building data among industry partners would be common practice and interoperable.

GSA is a proactive leader in BIM technologies and has implemented the BIM process on all of our new prospectus level construction projects beginning in FY07. The following regional projects are using BIM technology and services:

- ❖ **U.S. Custom House, Philadelphia, PA:** For identifying existing conditions of the building's windows, walls, and doors; for virtually sequencing the project to determine optimal phasing; and for tenant communications.
- ❖ **IRS, Martinsburg, WV:** For mechanical and electrical operations.
- ❖ **NASA Administrative Operations Building 1, Langley, VA:** For the design and construction of a new facility to be built on campus.
- ❖ **U.S. Courthouse, Richmond, VA:** For building operations and maintenance.

The National BIM Conference is an ongoing series of conferences that GSA hosts at different regions several times per year. During the May conference, the presenters covered procurement methodology and contract language, implementation of BIM business processes, use of the technology in design and construction, and use of the technology after building commissioning. One presenter, Hensel Phelps, showcased three projects that utilized BIM practices and shared the value gained and lessons learned from each:

- ❖ Denver Justice Center in Denver, CO
- ❖ U.S. Courthouse in San Diego, CA
- ❖ Fort Mead Defense Information System Agency Headquarters in Arlington, VA

The BIM conference was also designed to educate GSA's 35 nationwide BIM Champion representatives. These BIM Champions can then assist in training other GSA employees on BIM's newest technology and share the latest progresses toward BIM adoption in the industry. GSA's Project Knowledge Center Director Stephen Hagan shared, "This was a well conceived, professionally executed and very well done conference! Kudos to (GSA) Steve DeVito, Peggy Ho, and all the BIM Champions who helped make it a great success!"

The design and construction team of Autodesk Headquarters presented the project as a BIM case study example to attendees. Autodesk, Tocci Building Company, and KlingStubbins delivered the project under budget, ahead of schedule, and achieved Platinum Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council's internationally recognized Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) program.

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Bob Middlebrooks from Autodesk, John Tocci from Tocci Building Company, and Scott Simpson from KlingStubbins were presenters at the BIM Conference.

Flexible Options for Meeting Your Agency's Furniture Needs

Whatever your agency's furniture requirement, the General Services Administration (GSA) can meet your specific needs with our comprehensive array of products and flexible options. At GSA, we strive to make office and household furniture acquisition simple and easy, providing you with choices for securing the furniture and furnishings your agency needs.

- ◆ **Requisitions from GSA:** GSA Global Supply™ procures furniture to meet the ongoing and recurring needs of federal agencies. Since we have already procured these items in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations, your order through GSA Global Supply™ is a simple requisition. That means no comparison shopping is necessary, regardless of the dollar amount being ordered. Please visit www.gsa.gov/globalsupply to learn more.
- ◆ **Purchasing from GSA Vendors:** By offering items that cover the breadth of the commercial marketplace, the GSA Multiple Award Schedule enables your agency to choose from thousands of products available through a multitude of vendors. This method is quicker and easier than open-market procurements, but is a bit more involved than a requisition. The Multiple Award Schedule program is available online at www.gsa.gov/schedules.
- ◆ **Reusing Existing Furniture:** The federal government's priority source of supply is screening other agencies' excess personal property inventories. To facilitate re-use, we offer GSAXcess®, the online personal property reporting tool for the federal government. Visit GSAXcess® at www.gsa.gov/gsaaccess to report, search and select useful excess property, including furniture. It's easy, convenient, and user-friendly.

GSA is here to help. Please visit www.gsa.gov/furniture to discover more about how GSA's flexible solutions can meet your agency's furniture needs. Please contact **Andrea Azarcon** at (703) 605-9169 or andrea.azarcon@gsa.gov with any questions you may have regarding GSA's furniture solutions. ◆



The BIM Conference included a tour of the Citizens Bank Ball Park in Philadelphia, which was built using Building Information Modeling technology.

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Presenter John Tocci of Tocci Building Company said, "We were extremely impressed with not only the depth of the presentations GSA selected for this conference, but even more with the probative and insightful questions that followed. We were pleased to play a role in the GSA's serious and thoughtful commitment to deliver the power of BIM, enabled project delivery, and truly transformative collaboration to its important work throughout the nation. I was proud of my government."

For more information about the use of BIM on GSA projects, please visit www.gsa.gov/bim or contact **Steve DeVito** at (215) 446-5724 or stephen.devito@gsa.gov. ◆



GSA's nationwide BIM Champion representatives received training in BIM technology and progresses in BIM adoption.



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